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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 06725

ATHENS FOR OIC/ESC; DEPT FOR DS/OS/SEA, DS/OSP/FO AND
DS/ST/OS; CASAQANCA FOR ADS

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SEABEE SUPPORT

REF: ATHENS 23059 (NOTAL)

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. AS ESC IS NO DOUBT AWARE, SECURITY SITUATION IN
BEIRUT DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER-EARLY DECEMBER PRECLUDED
SEABEES FROM VISITING POST TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL REPAIRS,
INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE.
3. SEABEE TEAM CURRENTLY AT POST ARRIVED 12/4 AND
COUNTRY CLEARANCE HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR THE TEAM TO REMAIN
IN BEIRUT UNTIL 12/16, AS TEAM HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED
(ONE MEMBER WAS TO DEPART EARLIER).
4. REFTEL INDICATES THAT SEABEE "REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
DAYS IS DENIED" -- DIRECTING THE TEAM TO RETURN TO ATHENS
ON 12/12. (AGAIN, SEABEES WERE ORIGINALLY TO REMAIN AT
POST UNTIL 12/16.) WHILE THE TEAM HAS THUS FAR BEEN ABLE
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TO COMPLETE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL
YET TO BE DONE -- MANY OF WHICH ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY
ITEMS DIRECTLY IMPACTING UPON THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL
AND PROPERTY AT THIS POST. AMONG THESE ITEMS IS THE
INSTALLATION OF CCTV UNITS WHICH WILL COVER THE ACCESS
ROAD TO THE NEW SEABEE RESIDENCE AS WELL AS A NEW

VEHICULAR ARREST SYSTEM ON THE MAIN TOS ACCESS ROAD.
IN ADDITION, ALARM AND CCTV SYSTEMS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE REQUIRE URGENT MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS THE
AMBASSADOR'S SAFE AT YARZE.

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5. RSO IS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN A POSITION TO ASCERTAIN OTHER
PRIORITIES ELSEWHERE BUT REQUESTS THAT SEABEES BE
PERMITTED TO REMAIN UNTIL DECEMBER 16. AS INDICATED
EARLIER, DUE TO THE UNSETTLED CONDITIONS IN BEIRUT, THERE
IS NO WAY OF PREDICTING, WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY,
WHETHER THE SITUATION WILL ALLOW SEABEES TO RETURN NEXT
MONTH. APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION AND ASSISTANCE.
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